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SUBJECT: GENOA'S TERRORIST SPEND AN ACTIVE EVENING

1. UNIDENTIFIED GUNMEN LINKED TO THE BRIGATE ROSSE (BR) TERRORIST ORGANIZATION SHOT CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR LIGURIA, ANGELO SIBILLA, DURING THE EARLY EVENING HOURS OF JULY 11. THE GUNMEN BULLETS STRUCK SIBILLA EIGHT TIMES IN HIS LEGS AND HANDS. THE "LOTTA ARMATA PER IL COMUNISMO" FACTION OF THE BR IS CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SHOOTING, OSTENSIBLY TO AVENGE THE RECENT POLICE SLAYING OF NAP (ARMED PROLETARIAN NUCLEI) TERRORIST ANTONIO LO MUSCIO IN ROME.

2. A PROMINENT ARCHITECT, SIBILLA IS A POLITICIAN WHO WIELDS SIGNIFICANT "BEHIND THE SCENES" INFLUENCE IN LIGURIA'S
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CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION. HIS BROTHER, MONSIGNOR FRANCO SIBILLA, IS ARCHBISHOP OF SAVONA. A STAUNCH CATHOLIC AND A MOROTEO IN AN AREA WHERE THE TAVIANI FACTION IS STILL INFLUENTIAL, SIBILLA STRONGLY OPPOSES ANY FORM OF COOPERATION WITH THE PCI. CONGEN HAS CABLED SYMPATHY MESSAGE TO SIBILLA AND HIS FAMILY.

3. A SECOND TERRORIST ACTION OCCURRED AT 0510 JULY 12 IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE CONSUL GENERAL'S RESIDENCE. A SMALL, CRUDELY-MADE INCENDIARY DEVICE EXPLODED IN FRONT OF A HIGH RISE OFFICE/APARTMENT BUILDING LESS THAN 30 FEET FROM THE RESIDENCE'S ENTRANCE. THE POLICE HAVE NO INFORMATION REGARDING THE PERPETRATORS OR MOTIVES OF THIS INCIDENT. FROM THEIR INITIAL INVESTIGATION, HOWEVER, POLICE BELIEVE THAT THE DEVICE WAS DIRECTED AGAINST THE "SCI" CONSTRUCTION COMPANY (AN AFFILIATE OF THE COSTA FAMILY HOLDINGS) RATHER THAN THE VILLA COMPLEX OCCUPIED BY CONSUL GENERAL AND HIS LANDLORD. ING. AMBROGIO PURI, NEWLY APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF ITALSIDER AND A PROMINENT LOCAL (REPUBLICAN) POLITICIAN.

4. IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON OF JULY 10, AND PRIOR TO THE SIBILLA SHOOTING, A THREAT AGAINST DEFENSE UNDERSECRETARY SENATOR CARLO PASTORINO WAS REPORTEDLY PHONED IN, PRESUMABLY BY A NAP TERRORIST, TO THE GAZZETTA DEL LUNEDI, A GENOESE MONDAY PAPER.

5. SIBILLA, PASTORINO AND PURI ARE AMONG CONSUL GENERAL'S CLOSEST AND MOST FREQUENT CONTACTS. AS PER AMBASSADOR/DISCIULLO TELCON OF JULY 12, CONGEN WILL REPORT ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON THESE INCIDENTS AS AVAILABLE. AT THIS WRITING, IT IS YET UNKNOWN WHETHER THREE INCIDENTS ARE RELATED OR EVEN IF FROM SAME TERRORIST ELEMENTS.

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6. UNLESS EMBASSY ADVISES OTHERWISE, CONGEN DOES NOT PLAN TO ASK FOR ADDITIONAL POLICE SURVEILLANCE AT THIS TIME.

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